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RE: PROFESSIONAL SECTIONS

Town of Bluffton Announces Promotions, New Roles

Town Manager Marc Orlando appointed Frank Hodge deputy town manager and Shawn Leininger as director of growth management for the Town of Bluffton.

Hodge, the former director of growth management, is now deputy town manager with responsibilities of inter-governmental relations and special projects. With more than 37 years of local government experience, Hodge previously worked for Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island before coming to Bluffton to establish the building safety department seven years ago. Hodge was also the 2005 past president of the International Code Council, the organization which governs national and international building codes. For nearly 20 years, Hodge also served as the chairman of the South Carolina Building Code Council.

Leininger, formerly the assistant director of growth management for the Town of Bluffton, is now the director of the Town's Growth Management Department. Leininger will manage the activities, policies and projects for the Town's long-range planning, historic preservation, community development, zoning, development review and building safety. Leininger has worked for the Town for more than three years as the planning and community development manager and as a principal planner. Prior to the Town of Bluffton, Leininger worked for more than 15 years as a municipal planner in Central Ohio communities.



Frank Hodge



Shawn Leininger